Medinah Temple

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Oasis of Chicago ✦ Illinois Prairie

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM

Yawmoo'l-Goom'ah
14th Day, Second Month
Safar, 1325

THE TRANSLATION OF WHICH IS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
1907

6:30 P. M. FOR BUSINESS
7:30 P. M. FOR CEREMONIAL

¶ In memory of Haroon-ar-Rasheed, Khaleefah of Bagdad and hero of the "Arabian Nights' Entertainments," called "The Thousand and One Nights."

¶ Ship me somewheres east of Clark street,
Where the best is like the worst,
Where there ain't no ten commandments
And a man can raise a thirst;
For the temple bells are calling
And it's there that I would be,
With our old Medinah Screamers
On the road to Mandalee.

Illustrious Noble:

THE temple bells are calling and you who are of the Faithful and anointed ones, hearken to their tale of trouble. For it hath been the custom from time immemorial that when unregenerate sinners and unbelievers came to a proper appreciation of the sweetness of the waters to be found at the foot of the tree called Tooba, which grows at the Oasis of Medinah, in the desert of Tribulation, it has been the custom, as we remarked, for the temple bells to tinkle out the tidings, that

the salt of the earth may assemble together and prepare to receive into their fold those who cry for guidance in the paths of rectitude, and seek deliverance from the snares of the Bashi Bazook, who lurk on the desert paths.

So Listen, Ye Wise Ones

and attentively hearken to our monthly wail. Ye are commanded to appear at the temple of Medinah, which is at the corner of Dearborn Avenue and Walton Place, on the twenty-ninth day of March of the present year, 1907, there by your counsel and presence to fire the zeal of those appointed to expound the parables and exemplify the workings of the process by which the unregenerate are reclaimed and directed in the paths which lead to the simple life. And further, ye will jot in your memory the hour for business, 6:30; for ceremony, 7:30, both sharp.

About the Truth Seekers

Now, that the truth-seekers may be made familiar with the game, those who handed them the life line are requested to acquaint them with the fact that the Recorder will await their appearance at the Temple during the afternoon of the day of the meeting, there and then to appropriate the necessary amount of the filthy, and direct them to the shortest cut for the firing line.

The Ceremonial Journey

After the Business Session has ended, the Ceremonial will proceed, and it is here that the Faithful will avail themselves of the opportunity to manifest that sympathy which is so much appreciated by the weary wanderer. Many a troubled trembler has plucked up courage in one hand and his pants in the other and got a fresh start when he least expected

it by the use of a hot-air poultice on a cloth of jolly.

So speed them along on the paths beset with pitfalls of trouble, and when at last they arrive in port, let soothing winds filtering through their whiskers and their tattered togs, gently sing a requiem o'er their sorrows.

Repast and Entertainment

And now, the regeneration of the unbelievers accomplished, all will adjourn to the banquet hall, where, as of old, will be served Arabian manna to those who would refresh the inner man, called by name "Innards." Oriental dishes of rare delicacy will be served upon this occasion, and the white wine of Kishmee will not be lacking.

Then comes the entertainment, the trouble-killing, laughter-making, joyous entertainment, sometimes called the skidoo-to-sorrow act. Don't misplace yourself when this comes along. It is for the express purpose of chasing the wrinkles from your countenance and counteracting the effects of February thaws. (This is a little late, but let it go.)

Visiting Nobles Welcomed

As to visiting nobles, of course they are always sure of the warm paw, if they have the goods. If they haven't, who's to blame?

In closing, to all of the Faithful, Remember your card.

Yours in the Faith,

JAMES B. McFATRICH
Illustrious Potentate

NELSON N. LAMPERT
Chief Rabban

JOHN C. HALLENBECK
Assistant Rabban

WM. JOHNSTON, Recorder
190-192 Fifth Avenue

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

SUBJECT ONLY TO SUCH SLIGHT CHANGE
AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY REQUIRE

SUNDAY, MAY 5th.

Arrival of representatives on special trains bearing delegates to the Thirty-third Annual session of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. All special trains will be met by Reception Committees. Escort for Arab Patrols and Nobles from depots to hotels will be by Al Malaikah Arab Patrol of Los Angeles. Al Malaikah Bedouin Patrol of Los Angeles and Islam Patrol of San Francisco. Ladies accompanying special trains will be taken to hotels in automobiles, tallyhos and special cars. Baggage to be immediately transferred by special wagons to hotels. Special trains running to Los Angeles via San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad will be met at Riverside by Nobles of that city, bearing gifts of fruit and flowers, which will be distributed to our visitors.

MONDAY, MAY 6th.

Special excursions for the Imperial Council (officers and Representatives) and their ladies to Avalon, Catalina Island. This trip will take the entire day and will be one of rare pleasure and enjoyment for all. Special boat provided for the sole use of the Imperial Council.

VENICE DAY.

Opening of the Mid-summer Water Carnival. Elaborate entertainment will be provided. On the Midway many new shows will be open for the entertainment of our visitors, which will be free to Nobles and their ladies. Balloon ascension and parachute jump. Exhibition of high diving and fancy swimming. Race in gondolas by two famous gondoliers.

EVENING: Grand concert, vocal and instrumental, in the Venetian Gardens. Nobles and ladies on entering concert hall will receive a souvenir of Venice. Wonderful Water Carnival. Glorious electrical illuminations. Magnificent fireworks. Positively the most gorgeous spectacle ever attempted on the Pacific Coast.

MONDAY EVENING: Islam Temple will hold a reception and concert at the headquarters of the Temple, King Edward Hotel, corner Fifth and Los Angeles streets, from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m. Nobles and their ladies cordially invited to be present.

TUESDAY, MAY 7th.

9 A. M.: Imperial Council (officers and representatives) escorted by all visiting Patrols and the Arab and Bedouin Patrols of Los Angeles, to the opening Session at the Scottish Rite Cathedral; procession to start from the Alexandria Hotel, headquarters of the Imperial Council. All Patrols to be on hand promptly at the hour named. Those accompanied by bands please see that their bands are on hand promptly, and Patrols not accompanied by bands will be provided with music by the Executive Committee. Inasmuch as this will be the first parade of the week it is hoped and expected that the Patrols will turn out a full complement of members.

AFTERNOON, 2:30: Typical California Banquet given to and in honor of the Imperial Council at the banquet room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Dishes served distinctive of the Golden State.

PASADENA DAY.

Excursion to Pasadena, the "Crown of the Valley," said by tourists to be the most beautiful city in Southern California. Nobles and their ladies will be met by a Reception Committee of Pasadena Shriners and entertained in the true Arabic way.

EVENING: Grand Parade of Imperial Council, Arab Patrols and Shriners acting as escort to the electrical Turkish and Moorish pageant. Full details of the parade will be given to all visitors in ample time to participate therein. It is earnestly desired by Al Malaikah Temple that all members of the Imperial Council and every member of the Shrine in Los Angeles on that evening will participate in this parade. Please do not stand on the sidewalk and watch us go by, but take an active part in the parade. Uniform for the shriners will be dress suit and the fez.

As the parade disbands all Arab Patrols will march direct to Levy's banquet room, Third and Main streets, to be the guest of the Arab and Bedouin Patrols of Los Angeles, where, under their direction, a genuine California banquet will be served. Every dish on the menu typical of the Golden State.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th.

Business session of the Imperial Council. Automobile and tallyho rides around the city. All automobiles and tallyhos will start from Alexandria Hotel, beginning at 8 a. m., and continue uninterruptedly until night. Our visitors will please understand that it will not be possible for all to take the ride at the same time, but ample automobiles and tallyhos will be provided and an opportunity will be given at some time during the day for all to have a ride around our city. Please remember that if you cannot secure accommodations any hour in the forenoon, ride during the afternoon. We do not desire to disappoint any one, but simply

ask that each and all co-operate with us and select any time available for this splendid ride.

3 P. M.: Exhibition drill by all Arab Patrols in Ascot Park. Every Patrol is earnestly requested to participate—no competitive drills. All Patrols participating will be presented with a magnificent trophy.

Immediately following the exhibition drills there will be a magnificent exhibition of Japanese daylight fireworks, specially designed and made to order for this occasion in Japan.

EVENING: Second grand parade of the electrical Turkish and Moorish pageant. Theater parties: Orpheum Theater, first-class vaudeville; Belasco Theater, first-class attraction, either comedy or drama. Al Malaikah Temple has purchased all seats in both theaters for Wednesday evening, May 8th, and Thursday evening, May 9th. Any seat, including box seats in either house, free to visiting Nobles and their ladies. If you cannot go Wednesday night, try Thursday night.

THURSDAY, MAY 9th.

Special excursion for all Arab Patrols to Avalon, Catalina Island. This trip will take the entire day, and will be one of rare pleasure and enjoyment for all. Special boat provided for the sole use of the Arab Patrols.

LONG BEACH DAY.

Special excursion to Long Beach, where the local Shriners of that city have prepared an elaborate program. Concert by Royal Italian Band in Auditorium. Ocean ride, giving all Nobles and ladies view of harbor, breakwater and United States war vessels; exclusive use of steamers; automobile rides over city and beach; exhibition and drill of life-saving crew. Courtesies of Long Beach Bath House, the finest and most complete on the coast, reserved exclusively for Nobles and their ladies. Continuous lunch will be served in the Sun Parlor at end of pier; brilliant electrical illuminations of pier, auditorium, bath house and streets.

EVENING: Third and last parade of the electrical Turkish and Moorish pageant. Theater parties: Orpheum Theater, first-class vaudeville; Belasco Theater, first-class attraction, either comedy or drama. Any seat, including box seats, in either house, free to visiting Nobles and their ladies.

FRIDAY, MAY 10th.

La Fiesta de los Flores—great Floral Parade. The event of the week. Nice and Rivera outdone. Miles of decorated coaches, tallyhos, carriages, victorias, traps, surreys, stanhopes, buggies, phaetons, tandems, dog carts, automobiles, equestrians, equestriennes, children's vehicles, boys on ponies, girls on ponies and decorated bicycles. An event long to be remembered. No entry in the parade permitted unless decorations are in natural flowers. Line of march, formation of parade and other information in local papers.

FRIDAY EVENING: Grand Shrine Ball at Al Malaikah's new Auditorium, a one hundred and fifty thousand dollar structure to be erected and completed for that event. It is expected that the Auditorium will seat five thousand, with banquet accommodations for three thousand.

SATURDAY, MAY 11th.

9 A. M.: Great Spanish Barbecue and bullshead breakfast at San Gabriel—unique and typical Spanish dishes will be served to ten thousand visitors. Following the barbecue and bullshead breakfast, cowboys from the ranges of Arizona, New Mexico and California will give a true western exhibition of steer roping, bronco busting and horsemanship. The barbecue will take place on the grounds of the Southern California Masonic Home, a splendid institution which every Noble should visit.

Within a short distance from the point where the barbecue will be held is found the world-famous San Gabriel Mission. This was the fourth mission established by the Franciscan Fathers, and was founded September 8, 1771. Admission to the mission is entirely reserved for Nobles and their ladies on Saturday, May 11th.

The Good Al Rasheed

THOSE of the Faithful who are familiar with Arabic literature require no introduction to the subject of this month's sketch, Al Rasheed, the Just. He was the last Caliph who made a pilgrimage to Mecca, having visited the Prophet's shrine eight different times, until at last his wife insisted upon

Having a constitutional with the boys.

accompanying him upon his trips. When they got back from the last one, Al Rasheed declared that the Prophet in a revelation had told him that he would be euchred out of his hope of Paradise if he ever again played his left bower at the wrong time and place. So he stayed at home ever after.

Now Al Rasheed was accustomed to disguise himself and wander around the city of Bagdad in the evening, hoping in this way to obtain a better insight into the condition of the people, and their ways of living. On one of those occasions he came upon an old man surrounded by a crowd of people. The old boy would gaze intently to the east, then to the west, the north and the south, then stretching his arms out at full length, he was heard

The camel lit out for Mecca.

to mutter: "Woe is me, all is lost." Upon inquiring where this strange person came from, and what caused his mental derangement, Al Rasheed was informed that be came from the west, and had been set upon by a crowd of Jokers who had stolen his Fedora. Calling aside one of the onlookers, whose name was Tobbie Turke, the Caliph slipped 30,000 piastres into his hand and told him to take good care of the poor fellow, and

send him home in a sedan chair. It is on record that Tobbie did the best he knew how.

On one occasion, Al Rasheed was taking a constitutional with a few of the boys, and being asked what was the strangest experience he had ever undergone, he related the following: "Towards the end of the reign of Aroun Hasshid, my lamented predecessor, I had planned to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. The commissary camel had been loaded, and despite the sand storms at the house, I was making a pretty good getaway when the fire alarm bells began to ring, and looking round, I saw that my tent was all aflame. Just at that moment the 5:30 express pulled in, and my mother-in-law stepped forth. The camel was looking that way, and do you think I could hold him — not much. He started off, and didn't stop till we reached Mecca, when I telegraphed home to ask how things were. Wifey sent back word that everything was all right, she had collected the insurance, and I was not to hurry back, but have a good worship at the shrine. Ma was not feeling well. Well, I stuck it out a day or two, but was so worried about ma's health, that I finally packed up carefully and got back, with my rubber heels on. What do you think? The whole family was waiting for me with the sugar shake, and wifey paid me the insurance money, remarking that perhaps I was short. I was overcome, but rallied after a little, and to this day can't figure out what the trouble was." The boys all agreed that his was certainly a remarkable experience, but they had their doubts.

So lived Al Rasheed, called the Just, performing good works out of the kindness of his heart, and creating for himself the reputation of being the hotbun of the town. The faithful who desire to continue this study are advised to take a correspondence course in the Arabian Nights.